
**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on December 2, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Matthew, Lambertz, and Wentz. Commissioners Hasch and Snavelly were in attendance via Zoom.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Farha, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Matthew called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, David Garnas, Ragen Belden, Kim Reynolds, Ashley Hutchinson, Dorothy Breault. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy Lange added a discussion item to revisit the mask mandate ordinance.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION AGENDA *(Items Deserving of Brief Discussion, Action may be taken)*

Review of Ordinance 2020-3170

Amy Lange provided a chart of cases since the first of October, showing a trend of moving back down from a high the second week of November.

Dave Garnas, CEO of the hospital, discussed the status of the hospital and current testing percentage. Thirty-three cases were recognized today. He recommended continuing the mask mandate for at least another two weeks.

The commissioners agreed it was too early to get solid numbers on the trends.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Minutes of November 18, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Snavelly moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #22

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #22. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

CloudCorp 2021 Professional Services Agreement

Kim Reynolds gave the quarterly report. She discussed several grants the organization administers, and their success. She said she should hear by December 31 on the \$750,000 housing grant. She also discussed this year's census process.

The 2021 agreement has no changes from this year's, for \$58,000.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the CloudCorp 2021 Professional Services Agreement. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Wentz abstaining.

2021 CMB Licenses

All ten applicants have been checked out by the KBI, with no issues.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the 2021 CMB license. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Affirmation of Exempt Property Status for IRB Certification

Every year, businesses that have received industrial revenue bonds from the City and are required to certify to the City annually that they still have property exempt from taxation. This is the last year for tax exemption for the former Concordia Tractor.

Commissioner Wentz moved to affirm the exempt property status for IRB certification for PrairieLand Partners LLC. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-2116 Classified and Non-Classified Pay Scales

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution approving the cost of living increase in the employee pay scales.

The COLA presented was 1.8%. Amy Lange said staff intended to bring back a scale increasing wages for classified employees, after comparing area cities.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Snavelly, seconded by Commissioner Lambertz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Lambertz, Snavelly, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2020-2116 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Ordinance 2020-3171 Animal Control Ordinance

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR ANIMALS CONCERNING DOG BITES AND OTHER PENALTIES; REPEALING SECTIONS 4-413 AND 4-414 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 4-413 THROUGH 4-418.

A question was raised if puppies increased the allowable number of dogs over the limit of four. Justin Ferrell said he would amend the ordinance to include language giving owners a certain time in which to dispose of the puppies. Recommended was twelve weeks, at which point the City requires licensing.

Thereupon, Commissioner Wentz moved that said Ordinance be passed as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lambertz. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2020-3171, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

None.

Staff Reports

None.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Lambertz noted the generosity of people in the community.

Mayor Matthew discussed a letter from a concerned citizen on the auditing of money given for COVID grants. He said he would sit down with CloudCorp to discuss the issue. He noted that the CDC had announced scaling back the number of days people could be quarantined. He encouraged people to self-quarantine if traveling places that have numerous active cases.

Commissioner Hasch thanked the community for following the mask mandate.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:13 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk